



Mountview Uniting Church, Mitcham

Nurturing our people in the Christian faith and reaching out
to the local community in the power of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 5 July 2020 Pentecost 5_A

After Pentecost: A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Notices

Sad News (just to hand)

Those who remember Elaine Niven, a past member of Mountview, will be saddened to hear that she died on 6th June.

Face-To-Face Gatherings at Church (in case you missed reading it last week!)

It is still not possible to predict when we will safely be able to meet together at Mountview. The latest guidelines from the Synod emphasise the need to maintain social distancing and one person per 4 square metres and with additional considerations such as:

- Small groups, study groups and home visits need careful consideration to ensure safety of all and that those who are over 70 or with health conditions don't feel that they are being excluded.
- Worship services in the church building are still limited to 20 people (the scheduled rise to 50 people has been delayed by the Victorian Government).
- Names and contact details of people attending will be recorded to enable tracing if infection is suspected.
- Church Council has a check list of factors to consider before worship services can resume, e.g. safety of all people, including those in vulnerable groups; how to minimise touching of books, offering plates, communion elements, door handles; etc.
- Our Property & Finance Committee is planning cleaning requirements and room usage restrictions to ensure cleanliness and social distancing and will determine when our hirers may resume meeting at Mountview.

Weddings are still limited to 20 guests plus the couple and the celebrant.

Funerals are limited to 50 people plus those conducting the service.

Morning and afternoon teas should not occur.

As stated above, all gatherings must comply with social distancing and 4 square metres per person limits (using the lower of these two calculations).

UPDATE: *Lockdown Postcodes must comply with Stage 3 Restrictions, so the above relaxed limits no longer apply if you need to attend, e.g. a funeral of someone, in a lockdown suburb.*

It is frustrating that we are unable to worship together, but please be assured that safety of our people is our prime responsibility, especially at this time when Victoria is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 infection.

Geoffrey Willis, Church Council Secretary

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday, 5 July

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Next Sunday 12 July

Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Prayer Cycles

Rostered members for 'Prayers of The People' – please email your prayer (for your upcoming Sunday) to multi-media@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au before 6 PM Thursday

This Sunday 5 July: John Gerrand

World: Eritrea, Ethiopia
Ecumenical: All Saints' Anglican, Mitcham
UCA: Greensborough (Living Faith Church);
Uniting's East Burwood Centre

Next Sunday 12 July: Margot Kemke

World: Djibouti, Somalia
Ecumenical: Mitcham Baptist
UCA: Habitat: Canterbury (St David's), Augustine Centre;
Epworth Hospital Chaplaincy

Lawn Mowing Roster

July: Peter Cox and Eddie Short

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